

join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Ms. Eva Mae Harden. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives. While she will indeed be missed, her legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions she made to Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church will live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I missed rollcall Nos. 832, 833, and 834. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 832, 833, and 834.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Mendocino Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the congregation's 150th anniversary. The Mendocino Presbyterian Church in the village of Mendocino on California's north coast is the oldest active Presbyterian Church in California. Eight local residents including six women chartered it in 1859.

The Mendocino Presbyterian Church is California Historic Landmark Number 714 and is listed on the Federal Register of Historic Places. Its spire and English gothic design are iconic symbols exemplifying Mendocino's history and much photographed architecture.

The Church sanctuary is entirely built from local redwood. It was designed by San Francisco architects S.C. Bugbee and Son, who previously designed the Crocker and Stanford mansions, which were destroyed by the 1906 earthquake. Donations by local citizens and businesspeople such as pioneering residents Jeremy Ford and Henry Meiggs made the building possible. The first pastor in 1861 was Reverend David McClure and the first written record of the sermon was on October 19, 1861.

A thousand pound cast iron bell was shipped from one of the most prestigious foundries in the New World, the Meneeley Foundry in West Troy, New York, around the Horn and installed in 1870. It has rung to signal Sunday services ever since. In addition to ringing for weddings and memorial services, since 2006 the bell has also tolled on Friday evenings in honor of our service men and women and Iraqi and Afghan civilians who died the previous week. Inside the bell tower is covered with chalk signatures, including every pastor, and others who have climbed the stepladder to the top. The bell rope, which extends to the reception area of the sanctuary, includes one knot for each ordained pastor who served. Symbolic sections join the knots as a historical record related to events around

the nation and the world. A framed document interprets the bell rope significance.

While the original chandeliers and wall sconces have been electrified and gilded, most of the interior of the Sanctuary remains the same as when it was constructed. The cork floor between the pews is a scuffed record of the many shoes from high heels to logging boots worn by those who have attended services.

The Mendocino Presbyterian Church has been home to Rainbow pre-school welcoming children of all denominations since 1978. The Church sponsors the Mendocino Christian Camp, Bible Study and schools in Nicaragua as part of its mission and outreach. In addition, the adjacent Preston Hall is a popular community center for events such as art auctions, book sales, the Christmas bazaar, and receptions and meals. The Church is a popular wedding location and was featured in a Kodak commercial in the 1970s. In 1947, Warner Brothers filmed a scene for the movie Johnny Belinda inside the sanctuary with the Church choir performing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring 150 years of invaluable religious, civic and community service by the Mendocino Presbyterian Church.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3619

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: J.E. McAmis, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 621 Country Drive, Chico, CA 95928

Description of Request: This request does not authorize or appropriate any Federal funds, but modifies current statute to authorize the Coast Guard to issue a certificate of documentation for operation in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Maya*, United States official number 1107319. The *Maya* is a flat deck barge that was built in Louisiana in 2001; however, it was briefly reflagged under the Mexican registry while it was transferred to that country for a project. The *Maya* was purchased in 2008 by J.E. McAmis, Inc., a California-based and U.S. citizen-owned company located in my congressional district. The barge is needed to carry equipment and supplies to and from heavy construction or dredging jobs generally located in the greater Pacific Northwest region. J.E. McAmis, Inc., worked vigorously for several years to locate a U.S. flagged and registered vessel prior to purchasing the *Maya*. These types of vessels, however, were unavailable because they were being used to support the Gulf Coast reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, efforts to build a barge were stymied by the credit crisis and banks' unwillingness to lend for such a project. Following the purchase vessel has undergone extensive work and re-

pairs in Oregon, has been registered under the U.S. flag, and has received its certificate of inspection.

IN MEMORY OF VICTOR J. HERLINSKY, SR.

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Victor J. Herlinsky, Sr., of Mahwah, NJ who passed away on August 14th after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Herlinsky was born in Ukraine to parents Adam and Augusta on July 10th, 1927 and lived in Germany and Brazil before immigrating to the United States in 1956. Embodying the American dream of self-made success, Mr. Herlinsky was one of the founding partners of the 4-H Brothers trailer-body manufacturing and repair company in Wallington, NJ.

Mr. Herlinsky was also an active athlete who excelled in a variety of sports. He was a golden glove boxer in Munich, a semi-professional soccer player in Brazil, and a member of the Ukrainian Carpathian Ski Club. An avid tennis player, Mr. Herlinsky was awarded lifetime memberships to the Nutley Tennis Club and the KKL Ukrainian Sports Club.

Mr. Herlinsky is survived by his wife of 44 years, Irene, their children Victor Jr. and Donna, and granddaughters Larissa and Alexa, as well as his surviving siblings Tamara, Ivan, and Walter.

Madam Speaker, as an immigrant, athlete, entrepreneur, and family man Victor Herlinsky embodied the most important qualities and ethics of the American identity. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this astounding individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I was traveling in my district on official business and was not present for the vote on H.R. 1168, the Veterans Retraining Act of 2009. Had I been present, however, I would have voted "yes" on the bill and for creating greater opportunities for our veterans to establish economic independence and security.

H.R. 1168 is a common-sense bill that ensures that our veterans are making a smooth transition from their career in the Armed Services to a life in the civilian world. A provision in this bill also creates the flexibility that allows for our veterans to train for positions that are currently in demand, which lets us develop our workforce in a way that meets the present economic needs. This type of program will help us adapt to the ever-changing economy and keep our nation's competitive edge.

I would like to thank and commend the gentleman for introducing this bill. I thank my colleagues for supporting it.